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FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT STEWART.

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MY DEAR SIR

I last night had the pleasure of receiving your very agreeable and obliging favour by Mr. Gist, 15 of the men that he brought down with him Join'd to the old Guard Escorts the waggons with the waggons with the Remainder of the Ball to Fort Cumberland

Jenkins with a Corporal & 6 Horse set out from here highly pleas'd with his Escort I gave the Corporal orders to see him over Spring Gap Mountain and much farther as the old Gentn. should judge necessary as there's no Signs of the Enemy lately discover'd I hope he'll get down save —

Last night Tom Join'd me without arms and destitute of every necessary, I have return'd Mc.Kenzie of Capt. Woodward's Compy. in his room but as Mc.Kenzie did not care to part with his Regimentals I'm at loss how to get a Coat & Jacket for Tom as many of our men must soon, one way or other be provided for I imagined a Coat and Jacket might be spar'd without any inconvenience to the Service —

The Intelligence of our affairs you are pleas'd to favour me with gives me the deepest concern — Our once well grounded hopes will too probably be Blasted and the Glorious Prospect that once appear'd so full in view will dread be intersepted by Clouds of Gloomy

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Disappointments But as Genl. Rensselaer told Peter the Great it is our Business to obey —
I wish to Heaven it was possible you could have a Conference with the General My heart
Bleeds — I dare not proceed — I ever am with the most perfect and unalterable Esteem &
Regard

my Dear Colo. Your mo: Affectt. & mo: Obt. hble Servt. ROBERT STEWART

Please offer my Compliments. to Colo. Byrd & Ct.